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SUBJECT: PRAIA TEMPORARY COMMUNICATIONS CENTER

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REFS: (A) ACCRA A-62; (B) ACCRA A-63; (C) STATE 013095; (D) ACCRA 0470

1. FOR ACCRA - REF ACCRA 0470, DEPT FULLY AWARE THAT 60 KVA POWER LEVEL EXCEEDED THE REQUIREMENT FOR THE TEMPORARY COMMUNICATION OPERATION IN PRAIA. OUR INTENT WAS TO SEND EQUIPMENT TO PRAIA FOR THE TEMPORARY COMM CENTER THAT COULD CONFIDENTIAL

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BE USED LATER IN THE PERMANENT COMM CENTER. WE LIKEWISE WERE AWARE OF A SPACE PROBLEMINLOCATING TRANSFORMER AND VOLTAGE REGULATOR AND FOR THAT REASON THE SPACE QUESTION WAS ADDRESSED IN REF B. FINALLY, DEPT NOTES THAT PRAIA NOB SITE SURVEY (ACCRA A-62) STATES THAT ELECTRICAL POWER IN PRAIA IS VERY UNSTABLE BOTH IN VOLTAGE AND HERTZ. DEPT CONSIDERED IT NECESSARY THEREFORE TO PROVIDE A VR FOR THE

TEMPORARY INSTALLATION IN VIEW THAT IT WILL BE WITH US FOR AT LEAST TWO YEARS AND MOST LIKELY LONGER IF THE CONSTRUCTION OF NOB FOLLOWS PAST PATTERNS. ACCORDINGLY, DEPT WILL ORDER AND AIRSHIP A VR AND POST WILL HAVE TO SEEK AN APPROPRIATE SPOT TO INSTALL IT OUSIDE THE PROPOSED COMMO AREA. DEPT WILL ACQUIESCE TO RCO OBJECTION TO INSTALLING A CENTRALLY LOCATED TRANSFORMER. ASSUME RCO WILL MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO PROVIDE SMALLER TRANSFORMER AS APPROPRIATE FOR

ASR/HW-28 AND OTHER COMMO OFFICE EQUIPMENT AS NECESSARY.

- 2. DEPARTMENTAL APPROVAL IS GRANTED TO PROCEED WITH THE CONSTRUCTION AND INSTALLATION OF THE COMMUNICATION CENTER PER RCO RECOMMENDATION LISTED REF B. WORK SHOULD BE CONDUCTED UNDER THE SUPERVISION AND GUIDANCE OF THE RCO. DTS STANDARDS SHALL BE FOLLOWED WHERE FEASIBLE.
- 3. TWO EXCEPTIONS TO THE RECOMMENDATION IN REF B ARE AS FOLLOWS:
- A. A DIESEL GENERATOR MUST BE INSTALLED VICE GASOLINE.
 B. A CLASS V VAULT DOOR AND DAY GATE MUST BE INSTALLED VICE A 2-INCH WOODEN DOOR. VAULT DOOR AND DAYGATE WILL BE PROCURED AND AIR SHIPPED FROM THE DEPARTMENT.
- 4. A MODEL 700 DISINTEGRATOR WILL BE PROCURED AND AIR SHIPPED FROM THE DEPARTMENT.

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- 5. POST SHOULD PROVIDE THE DEPT A COST ESTIMATE FOR RENO-VATION BY LOCAL CONTRACTOR. CONTRACTOR SHOULD ALSO PRO-VIDE ESTIMATED TIME REQUIRED TO COMPLETE THE PROJECT.
- 6. FOLLOWING APPROVAL BY THE DEPT OF THE COST ESTIMATE, POST WILL BE REQUIRED TO NOTIFY THE DEPT WHEN ALL MATERIALS ARE ON SITE AND THE DATE THE PROJECT CAN BEGIN. ONCE THIS INFO IS OBTAINED, DEPT WILL ARRANGE FOR SEABEE PERSONNEL TO ASSIST WITH PROJECT. VANCE

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